preserve all public accounts; decide on the forms of keeping and stating accounts; grant, under regulations, prescribed by law, all warrants for money to be paid out of the Treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by law, and countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer upon any bank or banks, in which the moneys of the State may, from time to time, be deposited; prescribe the formalities of the transfer of stock, or other evidence of the State debt, and countersign the same, without which such evidence shall not be valid; he shall make to the General Assembly full reports of all his proceedings, and of the state of the treasury department, within ten days after the commencement of each session; and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by law.

An Act of the General Assembly of 1929 providing for a change in the Constitution which would permit the Comptroller to appoint deputies with authority to sign warrants and countersign checks was approved at the November, 1930, election. This authority makes possible the direct payment of all obligations of the State by the State Treasury Department and gives the central accounting office of the State an opportunity to pass upon all vouchers before payment. It had not been possible to provide for direct payment of all vouchers because of the impossibility of one man, the Comptroller, being able to sign all the warrants and checks which would be necessary if this plan were put into effect. A similar provision was approved for the State Treasurer's Office so that the State Treasurer will be authorized to appoint a deputy, or deputies, to sign checks in payment of State obligations.

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(Terms Expire 1935.) Postoffice. Name. State Auditor: Edmund R. Stewart, C. P. A. Baltimore Deputy_State Auditor: Daniel L. Clayland, 3rd, C. P. A. Baltimore Assistants: Thomas A. Sweeney Baltimore Howard B. Matthews Baltimore Charles S. Shaffer_____Baltimore Thomas J. Dennis Baltimore J. A. Dougherty_____Baltimore J. W. Sindall Baltimore Arthur E. Depew_____Dundalk William N. Bowen_____Pikesville Baltimore Fuller L. Van Horn Richard L. Hardisty______Baltimore *Milton C. Greer, Jr. Baltimore Secretary-Stenographer: Kathleen Collins

The State Auditor's Department was reorganized by the Acts of 1929, Chapter 226 (Annotated Code, Article 19, Sections 45 to 52, inclusive).

The State Auditor is appointed by the Governor for term of office beginning on the first Monday in May next ensuing his appointment and continuing for four years and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified; but the initial term of the State Auditor, under this law, began on the first day of June, 1929, and continues until the first Monday in May, 1931, and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. He shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy State Auditor who shall serve at the pleasure of the State Auditor. Both the State Auditor and the Deputy State Auditor shall

^{*} See the Conservation Department, Page 53, for full account of duties and term of office.